

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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REPLY OF LETTERS BY MINISTRY
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of letters received from the Members of Parliament by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas during the last one year till date;
- (b) the number of letters out of them replied by the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that number of letters have not been replied even after a lapse of six months; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereon; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYTI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (e): Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MOP&NG) received 2232 letters from Members of Parliament and sent replies to 1688 letters during the period 01.11.2003 to 30.11.2004. This Ministry gives the highest priority to letters received from Hon'ble MPs/VIPs. For a substantive reply to such letters, sometimes, detailed information is required to be collected from other organizations. However, 47 such letters could not be replied to even after lapse of six months. The Minister has reviewed arrangements for replying such letters and the system has not only been revamped but placed on an e-mail basis to expedite substantive responses.